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PRODUCERS' STRIKE STILL ON!

650 South Bend Tow-Bar Drivers Get Wage Increase

NEW PACTS SIGNED WITH DRIVE-AWAYS

Flynn in South Bend for Negotiations

Six hundred and fifty South Bend drive-away men, members of Teamsters Local 364, received substantial wage increases as a result of the new contract recently concluded with the operators there. After a strike of seven days, during which no new automobiles moved out of South Bend, the drive-away operators realized that union demands for wage increases were just and in line with the higher cost of living.

FLYNN PRESENT

Thomas E. Flynn, Acting President of the International Union of Teamsters, is in South Bend to negotiate the negotiation of this contract. Mr. Flynn, who is the South Bend representative in the original contract, is the drive-away industry. His wise advice and suggestions were responsible for the successful outcome of the negotiations.

Raises of \$2-\$7

Under the terms of the new agreement the drivers are to be paid at the following scale: 5 cents per mile for the first 100 miles or fraction thereof; 4 cents per mile for the first 200 miles; 3 1/2 cents per mile for 200 to 1,000 miles, and 2 1/2 cents per mile for all over 1,000 miles. This scale gives the drivers involved raises ranging from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per trip.

Walter Biggs, president of Local 364, said that he thought the agreement would ultimately prove of great value to the operators as well as the men.

Men Deserve More Pay

"Even if the cost of living had not risen so sharply, these men were entitled to more money. It is not an easy task to worry with a set of new cars over mountains in all kinds of weather. It is a great responsibility. With more pay at stake, the drivers will take greater pains to see that their cars get to their destinations in good shape. They can now put their hearts in their work."

"Now that the wage scale is uniform for all companies, there is not likely to be any differential in tariffs. This will put unfair competition out of the way for good. The operators should thank the union for this," said Biggs.

Limit on Damages Charged

Another feature of the new agreement is the clause which governs the amount drivers may pay

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Picketing Continues at Producers' Creamery



At extreme right is Gerald Trowbridge, business agent in charge at Marion

STATE CONFERENCE VOTES FOR OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; DELAYS HIRING ORGANIZER

Committee Appointed to Study Dump Truck Situation

The Indiana State Drivers' Conference meeting in Indianapolis October 17 voted to continue publishing the INDIANA TEAMSTER as its official organ. Thirty-three delegates, representing nineteen Indiana Locals, were present at this meeting.

No Organizer

It was decided by the body that inasmuch as Conference finances would not permit having both a state organizer and a publicity program, that, for the present at least, there was more to be gained from publicity. Hiring of an organizer was put off indefinitely.

"Progressive Move"—Birdsong

Clyde Birdsong, secretary-treasurer of the conference, speaking in behalf of the newspaper, said:

"There is no question but that we Indiana Teamsters need our own newspaper. It is the only progressive move we can make at this time. Let's not be ostriches; we need publicity and plenty of it. The daily press will never print our side of a controversy because they are employers and, of course, opposed to all organized labor. We need a voice to speak to our members. You know we are getting to be a mighty big union and we don't see all our members each week like we used to. They have a right to know what is going on."

"Today we are not only fighting with employers but also have a dual union to contend with. We need our own newspaper to fight this opposing union which tries to raid our membership every now and then, contrary to all traditions of the labor movement. We need our newspaper to expose this rival organization's subversive connections."

"Perhaps we could use an or-

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Restraining Order Against Haynes Co. Granted to 369

A temporary restraining order against the Haynes Milling Company, of Portland, Indiana, was granted recently to Muncie Local 369, according to Pat Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of the Local.

Haynes was charged with engaging in illegal and unfair labor practices by firing union members. An injunction to enjoin this company from such activities was sought by the Teamsters and the Grain and Milling Workers Union. Judge Thomas Slick, sitting in the Federal District Court, granted the restraining order.

Fae Patrick, Indianapolis employees' attorney, represents the Haynes Milling Company. The case is expected to come up for hearing soon.

That Currier Case

Mr. P. J. Currier, head of the notorious Currier Lumber Company, of Detroit, once remarked that he did not intend ever to have any union men of any kind working for his company and that he would assist in helping any dealer whether it be lumber or otherwise in breaking a strike. That should give you an idea of the kind of person that Mr. Currier is. He has long been known as a vicious labor-hater, having one of the blackest labor records in Detroit's history.

Recently Mr. Currier put in a bid on a defense housing project in Detroit. It was revealed that Currier's bid was low. However, proof has been submitted that the difference between Mr. Currier's bid and the next lower bid was not the \$430,000.00 that Mr. Pegler and others claim, but only \$216,000.00.

Certainly Mr. Currier was able to underbid the other firms. Why shouldn't he be? His labor costs are way below the union-organized bidders. Anyone who pays his labor less than the prevailing wage for a given industry SHOULD be able to do the work cheaper. That explains why his bid was so much lower.

When Mr. Currier found there was a fat Government contract in the offing he hastened to sign a "sweetheart agreement" with Denny Lewis' CIO Construction Workers, believing that such a move would brighten up his labor record a bit. It was also a great opportunity for Mr. Lewis to harass the AFL Building Trades Unions and embarrass

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NEGOTIATIONS BROKEN OFF BY OFFICIALS

Men Were Getting Weekly Average of \$16.80

Truck drivers and inside dairy employees of Producers' Creamery of Marion voted to strike, September 27, after three months' negotiations failed to yield any significant progress towards bettering their wages and working conditions. The striking employees, members of Muncie Teamster Local 369, walked out only after Creamery officials refused to discuss the matter any further. As we go to press the strike is still on and shows no sign of immediate settlement.

A Farmers' Cooperative

The company is cooperatively owned by 4,000 local farmer stockholders and ships condensed milk and other dairy products in great quantities to all parts of the country. In addition to this they operate a fluid milk plant which serves Marion and nearby communities.

"Sold" Fluid Milk Rights

In a move calculated to break the strike, Producers' "sold" their fluid milk business to the so-called Marion Dairy. This move proved to be a "dud," for just as soon as the "new" dairy opened for business, pickets appeared at the gates. The milk, however, was still being processed by Producers'. This "new" dairy soon had to shut down for lack of trained employees and for lack of business. The Marion public is sympathetic to the strikers' cause and realize that Producers' employees have long been poorly paid.

D. E. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer of the Local, said that it seemed evident from the very beginning of negotiations that Producers' were not acting in good faith.

Farmers Puzzled

"The Creamery officials have continued to maintain a rather arrogant attitude. It is no secret here in Grant County that their employees have always been under-paid. Producers' Creamery is owned and operated as a cooperative, supposedly to give its farmer stockholders a chance to make more money. I have spoken to a good many of these farmers and none of them seemed to have gained very much. Several of them complained that they could not understand why the workers should not get more money. Others are beginning to wonder why they have not realized more from their investment in prosperous times like these. It is a riddle."

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The American Federation of Labor is what its name implies. It is American in the full meaning of that term. It is against all that is wrong in our economic and political life, and for all that is best and good in industry and government. It is an American institution, devoted to the protection and preservation of the common heritage of justice, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

WILLIAM GREEN, President.
American Federation of Labor.

The Un-American America Firsters

Termites of the same ilk that weakened France before her fatal hour are still busily at work trying to split American unity asunder. Not the least significant of this group is the misnamed America First Committee.

Now that our foreign policy of all-out-aid to all those fighting Hitler has become so well established and so overwhelmingly approved by the great majority of American citizens, we are beginning to doubt the sincerity of the leading America Firsters. It is generally conceded that American unity is essential to continued American independence. Yet Messrs. Lindbergh, Wheeler and Nye continue their attempts to disrupt that unity.

Every time Charles Lindbergh, a great flyer but a poor statesman, makes an address Adolph Hitler praises it gleefully. It all fits in with the nazi scheme of "divide and rule."

When the America First Committee was organized there was, perhaps, some justification for it. But there never was or never can be any justification for the insidious turn that the leaders of this group have taken. The weeds now found in their garden are Roosevelt-haters, Bundists, Fascists and Coughlinites.

Speaking of Lindbergh, General President. Tobin recently said: "Such people are attempting to destroy the confidence of the public in a government which is trying to maintain the civilization you and your fathers fought to maintain and establish."

Mr. Lindbergh's last two addresses sounded just like Herr Goebbels' press releases, what with his attacks on certain racial groups and his expressed fear that there would be no 1942 elections. No disapproval of Lindbergh's remarks have come forth from the other America First leaders. It was tacit approval, if you please.

The America First Committee has outlived whatever usefulness it may have had and has become a menace to our national security and well-being. The American people cannot be unsold on the idea that there can be no free America with the rest of the world in chains. We say to the America Firsters who are left, disband your organization and prove that there is still a breath of democracy in you.

Or remember Hitler's rule of "divide and rule."

Sears to Sign In South Bend

Collective bargaining rights with Sears, Roebuck & Company in South Bend have been obtained by Local 364, according to George B. Campbell, secretary-treasurer of the Local. Forty men, drivers, helpers and warehousemen will be affected by the negotiations when they are completed.

"One of Sears-Roebuck's labor relations men was here and we went over the proposed contract. He took it back to Chicago and will contact us in the near future. Signing of this company will mark a great step forward for our Local. We think the contract is a very good one," said Campbell.

Business Representative Earl Keifer has been assisting Mr. Campbell in the negotiations.

EVANSVILLE CITY MEN GET 15% WAGE HIKE

Three weeks of negotiations were brought to a successful conclusion recently when all city delivery and pick-up operators in Evansville signed a new contract with Local 215. The new agreement will go into effect on November 1st.

More than 250 men are affected by this agreement which calls for a 15 per cent increase in wages. Seniority rules and a closed shop are guaranteed. The contract will run for the next year.

"The negotiations were conducted in a friendly, peaceful manner throughout. Every operator in the city signed the agreement and we have every confidence that it will be adhered to. Rarely have negotiations been so satisfactory," said Clyde Birdsong, secretary-treasurer of Local 215.

What Others Think of the Indiana Teamster

Recent issues of the *Commercial Driver*, official newspaper of the Pennsylvania Commercial Drivers' Conference, and the *Washington Teamster*, official newspaper of Seattle Teamsters Joint Council No. 28, editorially paid tribute to the *Indiana Teamster*. We are grateful for their expressions of good will. For the benefit of our membership we reprint these editorials below:

The *Indiana Teamster* makes its bow as the latest state publication of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

It follows the *Minnesota Teamster*, which in turn follows the *Arizona Teamster*.

And preceding them, of course, is the *Washington Teamster*, about to enter its third year of publication.

The *Indiana Teamster* follows the trend set by the Seattle Joint Council in adopting the name "Teamster" for its newspaper. We believe that this is a wise course to pursue.

It is a colorful name, and while the trends of the times have replaced the old-fashioned teamster and his horses and wagons, nevertheless the modern truck driver should remember that the pioneers who first fought for his hours, wages and conditions, were these old-fashioned teamsters.

In adopting the name "Teamster" for its various publications, the organization is paying a tribute to the men who started the powerful union we have today.

And it is perpetuating the principles for which they stood, which, after all, are the same principles whether a man is driving one horse, or several hundred horses harnessed under the hood of the modern truck.

In these times of highly-financed and thoroughly-organized opposition, the Teamsters' Union needs its own medium of publicity to keep its membership informed and to meet the challenge of its enemies.

The best medium of publicity, and the best weapon of defense, is an independent, courageous labor press. The Teamsters realize this and are creating their own newspapers to tell their side of the story.

The value of a publicity organ was well demonstrated during the recent Communist raid on the Teamsters' Union of Minneapolis.

The *Indiana Teamster* has just published its first edition. It is edited by Irvin S. Lippe for the Indiana State Drivers' Conference. It is a newsy, well-edited sheet, and to the *Indiana Teamster* the *Washington Teamster* says—greetings.

And also the same greetings to Minnesota and Arizona.

May many others join the parade we have started.—*Washington Teamster*.

Another Teamster publication has been born. It saw the light of day about the same time that the tenth issue of the *Commercial Driver* came off the press. The new publication is the official organ of the Indiana State Drivers' Conference and is known as the *Indiana Teamster*.

The publication of the *Indiana Teamster* marks one more milestone in the progress and growth of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America. If the first issue is an example of those which are to come much can be expected of this publication, and there can be no question but that it will fulfill the legend on the masthead which reads, "Serving the Indiana Teamster Movement."

The need of a publicity medium can not be overestimated in these critical times. By the publication of the *Indiana Teamster* another stone has been laid in the foundation of the union structure which is to stand for all time.—*Commercial Driver*.

That Currier Case

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the national defense construction program. It was a natural for both the fascist Mr. Currier and the un-American Mr. Lewis.

Social Club Becomes CIO Union

Mr. Currier thinks he has a union in his yard now. But he is mistaken. You couldn't honestly call Mr. Lewis' Construction Workers a union. It appears to us that Mr. Currier's former Social Club for his workers has just changed its name. It could have picked a better one, it seems to us. One fact about this so-called "union" that should be called to light is that its president is none other than the former president of Mr. Currier's Social Club. What a pleasant coincidence—for Mr. Currier!

Mr. Richard J. Gray, Acting President of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department, testifying before the Senate Committee investigating defense contracts, said:

"The Currier Lumber Company has a six-year record of practices which under the National Labor Relations Act are considered unfair and illegal. It has advocated an open shop and encouraged such a policy in the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Detroit. It has intimidated its employees from joining a union of their own choosing. It has fostered a company union among the workers of the Currier Lumber Company. Its subsidiary organization has eiseled on its workers' pay. It has sent strike-breakers into a number of struck or lockout plants, as well as aiding and abetting lumber dealers in their fight against organized labor, and we hold Mr. Currier responsible for the death of one of our members in a lumber dispute last spring."

A record like that should effectively bar any company in any business from receiving a Government contract at any time.

While the Government is aiding those fighting for democracy abroad, it should not encourage undemocratic, labor-hating employers like Currier at home.

We urge Washington to disregard Mr. Currier's bid in favor of a more American bidder.

LATE NEWS OF LOCALS

Dr. Pepper Bottling Company of Indianapolis signed a closed shop agreement recently with Teamster Local 135, according to Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Local. Twenty-seven men are covered by the contract which guarantees wage increases, seniority rights and vacations with pay. A four-day strike was necessary before the company agreed to meet union demands.

Business Agent Ed Eddleman conducted the negotiations.

Signing of a contract with the Eddleman Coal Company of Elkhart has been announced by South Bend Teamsters Local 364. The agreement calls for a closed shop, wage increases, vacations and seniority rules. Negotiations were conducted by Business Agent Bert Snyder.

Acme Transfer and Delivery Service of Indianapolis has signed a closed shop agreement with Local 135, according to Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local.

Substantial increases in priority rights and vacations were secured for the drivers' helpers.

Business Agents M. R. Atkins and Ed Eddleman conducted the negotiations.

Signing of a new wage agreement with the Simon Brothers Wholesale Grocery House at Peru, Ind., was announced recently by O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of Kokomo Teamster Local 759.

The new contract calls for a 10 per cent increase in wages and went into effect on October 24. Seniority rights and other union working conditions are maintained by the new agreement. The contract was signed after a few weeks of friendly negotiations.

Wayne Stinson, secretary-treasurer of Richmond Local 691 announced the signing of a agreement with the Old C Distilling Company of LaPorte, Ind.

This contract calls for 10 cents hourly wage, guarantees a closed shop with pay and were also secured.

Signing of a closed shop agreement with the Mike Mascari Storage Company of Kokomo was completed recently, according to O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of Local 759. The agreement calls for a 10-cent per hour pay raise, seniority rights, check-off system and one week's vacation with pay. The Mascari Company is the distributor for Ye Taverne beer in the Kokomo area.

Signed contracts have been obtained with the Ziffrin Truck Lines, Inc., and the Wilson Forwarding Co., covering their spotters and loaders at Lawrenceburg, Ind., according to Wayne Stinson, secretary-treasurer of Richmond Local 691. The contracts call for 70 cents per hour and a forty-eight-hour week.

Local 759, Kokomo, is at the present time negotiating a new city pick-up, delivery and dock agreement for its members in that division, according to O. B. Chambers, secretary-treasurer of that Local. The Union has been meeting with a committee which represents all the Kokomo operators. Substantial wage increases are sought to help meet the rising cost of living.

We are happy to report that George Campbell, secretary-treasurer of South Bend Local 364, is again back on his job as business agent after being disabled for several months. Mr. Campbell was seriously injured last spring when he was accidentally pinned between two dump trucks during the construction of the new Studebaker plant there. He was conferring with the driver of one truck when another backed into him forcing his head against the other truck's body.

Tobin Terms Lindbergh Un-American Agitator

Standard Grocery Signs With Indianapolis Local After Month's Parley

Negotiations End With Wage Increases for 57 Men

The Standard Grocery Company, of Indianapolis, signed a union-shop agreement this month with Local 135. Fifty-seven men are covered by the contract.

The negotiations, which lasted over four weeks, resulted in wage increases ranging from 12½ cents to 27½ cents per hour. Seniority rights, vacations with pay and check-off were guaranteed for the workers.

One clause which guarantees seniority rights for men to the Army reads:

regular employee who enters service in the armed forces of the United States of America shall be restored to his former employment, if available, with unbroken seniority upon application for such employment within thirty (30) days after being discharged from service and still able and qualified for work. When it is necessary to lay off or discharge an employee to make a job available to an employee returning from such service, such lay off or discharge shall be effected according to seniority among those employees whose seniority is below that of the returning employee."

Russell Houze, president of Local 135, and E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer, represented the union in the negotiations. Robert Miller, business agent, assisted.

Mr. Houze said that the Local was contemplating organization of other wholesale grocery houses in Indianapolis. He named the Wells and Bauer, Regal and Company and the M. C. Perry Company, both of Indianapolis.

Mr. Houze said: "I am very grateful for the cooperation we received from J. C. Perry and the Standard Grocery Company. They won't regret it. A union shop is always a happier place than a non-union shop, and when workers are happy they produce more."

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KROGER DRIVERS GET PAY RAISE

A wage increase of 7½ cents hourly for Kroger Grocery and Baking Company drivers and helpers was announced recently by Richmond Local 691. The agreement with this company was opened only for wage negotiations and covers about fifteen men.

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SEAGRAM DRIVERS GET WAGE BOOST

Joseph E. Seagram & Sons, Inc., has signed a new agreement with Richmond Local 691, according to Wayne Stinson, secretary-treasurer of the Local. The contract covers the firm's operations in Lawrenceburg, Ind.

The agreement calls for a 10-cent hourly raise, a forty-hour week and the closed shop. Employees who have been with the company for five years will receive one week's vacation with pay; those who have been there for more than five years will receive two weeks' vacation with pay. Fifteen drivers are affected by this new agreement.

"We are mighty proud of this contract. We hope to have continued good relations with the Seagram people," said Stinson.

Champion



Walter R. Cline

Walter R. Cline of Indianapolis, driver for the Indiana-Michigan Transportation Company, won the semi-trailer driving championship for the third consecutive time at the Indiana Motor Traffic Association's third annual Truck Rodeo held in Indianapolis from October 2nd to 4th. Charles Goinn, also of Indianapolis, won the championship in delivery or "straight" truck class of the driving competition. He is a driver for Trucking, Inc. Both men will compete in a national driving contest later in the year at New York's Madison Square Garden. Both Cline and Goinn are members of Indianapolis Teamster Local 135.

Commenting on their achievement, E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135, said: "We are indeed proud that two of our members of long standing won this contest. We'll be rooting for them when they go to the national competition in New York."

Grocery House Signs with 135

The J. C. Perry Wholesale Grocery of Indianapolis recently signed a union shop agreement with Local 135, according to Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Local.

The contract calls for seniority rights, vacations with pay, check-off and the union shop. A ten-cent hourly pay raise was also secured. The minimum weekly wage at Perry's is now \$32.00 for a forty-hour work week.

Robert Miller, business agent who worked on the contract, said that negotiations were friendly throughout and that he saw no reason why relations with the Perry Company should not continue that way.

"Perry has a fine reputation in his labor dealings," said Mr. Miller.

Pure Oil Unfair to Local 135



In the background can be seen Pure Oil's police protection.

PURE OIL CO. ON STRIKE IN INDIANAPOLIS

Discharge Man for Union Activities

Pure Oil Company drivers and helpers, members of Indianapolis Local 135, are out on strike in protest to the company's unfair attitude towards organized labor. The strike has been in progress for over three weeks.

The walkout was called when the management fired a man for union activities. At the time negotiations were in progress for an agreement with the company. These negotiations were broken off and Pure Oil has refused to discuss the matter any further.

R. D. McClaran, Indianapolis manager for Pure Oil, has been adamant in his refusal to go along with the union. He is probably trying to make a good showing with the home office.

E. J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Local, said: "There was no excuse for firing Mr. Day. It was just an out and out case of discrimination of the sort that most employers do not resort to any more."

Judge Markey of the Marion County Supreme Court, granted Pure Oil a temporary restraining order enjoining the union from any violence.

"Violence isn't needed by labor any more. And for that matter, we have never resorted to it and never intend to. Thus this order was not necessary at all but just serves to cloud-up the issues at stake," said Williams.

Tobin Flays Communists At Western Teamsters Meeting Held in Seattle

Bares Secret Plot to Destroy Teamsters' Union

SEATTLE.—(Special)—Speaking before the Western Conference of Teamsters in session at Seattle early this month, President Daniel J. Tobin exposed the Communists' secret plot to destroy the Teamsters' Union in the United States.

Tobin's dramatic address won a standing ovation from the delegates representing the eleven Western states and the province of British Columbia.

For more than an hour, Tobin held the crowded auditorium of the Teamsters' Building in close attention while he reviewed the economic problems of the last war and forecast those of the present war.

Lindbergh Un-American

He warned that vigilance and solidarity are essential to prevent industrial chaos in which both the capitalistic and Communist enemies of American labor will attempt to destroy unionism after the war.

Tobin linked Charles A. Lindbergh with Bridges as an un-American agitator, showing how Lindbergh has attempted to create racial and religious conflict, while Bridges has been promoting class conflict.

"Such people are attempting to destroy the confidence of the public in a government which is trying to maintain the civilization you and your fathers fought to establish," Tobin said.

Communists vs. Teamsters

"The International Brotherhood of Teamsters must fight for the unity of this nation and the safety of its government."

"I can tell you that the plan of the innermost leaders of the Communist party is to direct their main attack on the Teamsters' Union. In their secret meetings, one pledge is made, and that pledge is to concentrate all their forces on our union."

"There are two reasons for that. The first is that the Teamsters' Union is a militant, fighting organization and the second is that this union is the greatest obstruction to Communism."

"They realize the paralyzing power that this union could use to strangle industry, and they want to seize that power for that purpose. They are encouraging Communists to become members of our organization, particularly in Los Angeles, for the sole purpose of creating discord."

Teamsters Stop Bridges

Tobin gave the Teamsters on the West Coast credit for stopping Bridges and the Communists in their drive to control industry. With this experience in their minds, the Communists realize that they must capture or crush the Teamsters before they can carry out their conspiracy to take over both organized labor and industry.

"During the trial of Bridges, I never said a word, in order to avoid any charge of trying to prejudice the court," Tobin said. "Now that he has been found guilty, I can say that there is no doubt in my mind whatever that he is guilty."

"He is guilty of fostering and encouraging organizations detrimental to the United States. Bridges has done more to destroy the solidarity of labor than all the other enemies of labor combined. He has created bitterness and dissension."

In discussing Communism, Tobin drew a sharp line between its original program in Russia and its present program in the United States.

Commend Kerensky

He said the people of Russia were justified in overthrowing a heartless and brutal government.

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HESS NAMED TO I. S. F. L. COMMITTEE

To Study Organizing Plan for Indiana

Adolph J. Fritz, secretary-treasurer of the Indiana State Federation of Labor, has announced the formation of a special committee to deal with organizational problems. John Aker of Lafayette has been named chairman of the group.

Purpose of the committee is to study and formulate plans for an organizing campaign in the State of Indiana. It is thought that a special per capita tax levy might be necessary to finance the proposed program.

Alton P. Hess, president of the Indiana State Drivers Conference and a member of the committee, said:

"We believe that there is a great deal to be done in this direction and do not want to be caught sleeping at the switch. Our problems are now greater than ever, what with a dual union movement to combat. We need to show that we have not become stodgy and lazy but are the same virile trade unionists who pioneered the American labor movement. There are many unorganized workers in the state who need our helping hand, and we do not intend to fail them. But it will take cooperation and more cooperation from all locals. You can bet your life that the Indiana Conference of Teamsters can be depended upon in this campaign."

This committee's next meeting will be held in Indianapolis on November 7th, according to Mr. Fritz.

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ARMY ORDNANCE RIGHTS FOR 298

The National Labor Relations Board has granted Local Union 298 certification of bargaining rights for all truck drivers and warehousemen at the Kingsbury Ordnance Plant, according to Robert Summers, secretary-treasurer of that Local.

Commenting on this decision, Mr. Summers said: "We are very happy over receiving these bargaining rights. As far as I can ascertain, this is the only place in the entire country where this has happened, that is, the only ordnance plant."

Mr. Summers further stated that there will eventually be 750 drivers involved, in addition to the warehousemen.

Producers' Still On Strike

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Anticipating violence, one of the first moves Producers' officials made was to trot out their lawyers, Browne, Gemmil, Campbell, and Junior Browne, to petition Superior Court Judge Oren W. Dickey for a temporary injunction. The order granted was so sweeping in its language that Mahoney felt obliged to call in expert labor lawyer I. E. Goldberg, of the Milwaukee firm of Padway & Goldberg, to see if he could secure the Union's minimum rights.

Mr. Goldberg skillfully retained the Union's right to peaceful picketing and advertising by writing a restraining order that was acceptable to Producers' and still gave Local 369 the rights it has claimed from the beginning. This new order was subsequently granted by Judge Dickey.

Said Attorney Goldberg: This is all we want or ever want, the right to peaceful picketing, the right to advertise our side of a controversy, and the right to conduct the affairs of our union. The way that the original order was worded might have been construed in some other court as abrogating these rights. That is why I sought to change the wording. This was the only action we could have taken under the circumstances. There is no need of violence in union activities today, even though this order seems to anticipate such. Speaking for the union I can truthfully and unequivocally say that we intend to conduct our affairs as always within the well-established legal rules of conduct."

\$16.80 Per Week!

The average weekly wage at Producers' is \$16.80. Think of that! No man can feed, clothe and educate his family on a stipend like that in these times. While prices and profits are soaring, Producers' are getting rich by paying slave labor wages. They are taking unfair advantage of a boom situation to line their pockets with gold.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers at Marion has cooperated splendidly with Local 369, according to Pat Mahoney. They have helped on the picket line and have given moral support. They have had a strike on against the Parante Wire Corporation of Marion for some time. It is hoped that they meet with success in their negotiations which are now under way.

The Central Trades Council of Marion built a cook shack for the strikers and is serving hot food to them. The Council also voted \$300 to help the Teamsters win their strike.

"We certainly appreciate the fine spirit shown by the Electrical Workers and the Central Trades Council of Marion. We shall not forget them when their hour of need arrives," said Mr. Mahoney.

Farmer stockholders of the company are now operating the plant and driving the trucks. Their ef-

WAGE INCREASES FOR PEPSI-COLA

Was First 100% Union Bottler

Successful negotiation of a closed shop contract with the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Indianapolis was announced recently by Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of Local 135.

Business Agent M. R. Atkins, who assisted with the negotiations, said: "Gus and Ben Domont, officials of the company, were gentlemen throughout the entire negotiations. They showed a fine spirit of cooperation. I am sure we won't have any trouble with Pepsi-Cola here."

Pepsi-Cola was the first 100-percent union bottling company in Indianapolis. The signed agreement guarantees seniority rights, time and one-half for overtime and substantial pay raises. The 80 inside workers and drivers covered by the contract received wage increases ranging from \$2.00 to \$7.00 per week.

BUY DEFENSE BONDS

FUNK JOINS 691'S STAFF

Mr. Charles E. Funk of Richmond recently joined Local Union 691's staff of business agents. He has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers for over five years. We wish him success in his new position.

forts to break the strikers' morale have failed, however. The company's major outlets in other cities have been shut off by Union workers refusing to handle the goods.

Rifles for "Squirrel Hunting"

Some of the non-union drivers have been carrying rifles in the cabs of their trucks, ostensibly for "squirrel hunting." However, they have no hunting permits and the hunting season is over. Perhaps the Union should have petitioned for an injunction enjoining Producers' from any violence. It does not seem to add up. Speaking of anticipated violence, the only guns found anywhere during this dispute have been found in the trucks and on the property of the employer.

The strikers have indicated their determination to hold out at all costs. In a letter to the public they said: "We are asking for the support of all fair-minded citizens in Marion and Grant County in our fight to negotiate an agreement that will give us an opportunity to make a decent living for our families."

Earlier this year the National Labor Relations Board handed down a decision granting certification of bargaining rights to Teamster Local 369.

No Advertising!

You will notice that no advertising appears in these columns. That is no accident. The Indiana Teamster does not accept advertising of any description. We believe that it is the duty of a Labor newspaper to print the news and views of Organized Labor, and not those of the advertisers. Paid advertising usually hampers the editorial freedom of a newspaper. It has long been a policy of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to avoid advertising in its official publications. We subscribe to that policy. We represent the Indiana Teamsters, and none else!

Lindbergh Termed Un-American

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which had oppressed them for centuries. He said that if he had lived in Russia, he would undoubtedly have been a revolutionary against the Czarist oppression. And he commended the fight of Kerensky.

"But the Communist program did not stop there," Tobin continued. "It goes much farther than the destruction of government. It would destroy the foundation on which civilization rests. It reaches into the lives of human beings and controls their family life."

"The Communist rulers were not content to spread their destruction through Russia. They are sending their emissaries here to destroy what we have established. They would take from us the right to worship as we choose, or not to worship at all. They would destroy the right to bargain collectively."

"We must fight this thing with all the energy we possess, because if Communism wins, we are destroyed."

Must Crush Nazis

Despite Tobin's scathing denunciation of Communism in America, his remarks indicated his belief that Nazism must be crushed, even though it entails collaboration with Russia internationally.

In support of his charge that Communism is leveling everything it has on the Teamsters' Union, he cited a resolution introduced by Communist delegates to the convention of Automobile Workers of the C. I. O., pledging the full support of that union to the United Construction Workers Organizing Committee.

This is the organization headed by the brother of John L. Lewis, which staged the raid on the Minneapolis Teamsters and is now trying to undermine other Teamster locals throughout the nation.

Tobin made an eloquent appeal for Great Britain.

"Five million trade unionists of England have given up practically every privilege they possess as union men," he said.

Praises England

"They have done this to win the fight against the monster dictatorship of Hitler. By winning this war, they will preserve the privileges they have voluntarily suspended."

"The men of England are fighting for their homes, their lives and freedom, and the right of their children to enjoy these blessings."

The era following the war will be one to tax the ability of labor leadership, Tobin said.

"Labor may have to go backward," he warned, stating that wages and conditions may suffer in the period of adjustment. Profits of private enterprise will also suffer, he asserted.

"We hope we will not have to go backward but we face the prospect of competition with slave labor in other parts of the world. It will be a time when the Teamsters need clear thinking, courage, strategy and diplomacy to save their union."

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS

DEDICATION

Detroit Joint Council of Teamsters No. 41, will dedicate their new home November 6th. President Tobin, Secretary-Treasurer Gillespie and Executive Secretary Fynn will attend the ceremonies.

CONTRACT SIGNED BY OIL HAULERS

3 More Companies 100% Union

INDIANAPOLIS—Signing of closed shop agreements with three more major oil haulers marks another great step in Local 135's organizational campaign in that industry, according to Emmett J. Williams, secretary-treasurer of the Local. The firms are: Petroleum Haulers, Inc., Associated Transport and Columbia Terminals, Inc., all of Indianapolis.

The employers cooperated splendidly all through the negotiations which lasted for three weeks. The contract calls for substantial wage increases, vacations with pay and time and one-half for overtime. Fifty men are affected by the agreement.

HAVE IT DELIVERED!

State Conference Votes Newspaper

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ganizer. I don't deny that. But under our present financial set-up we must weigh the comparative advantages of each.

"The modern labor union has also the responsibility of educating its members and its leaders and the public as to just what it stands for and just what it is trying to accomplish. That's why I am for a newspaper."

Should Talk for Equipment, Too
Another subject discussed at this meeting was the advisability of negotiating agreements which cover both dump truck drivers and owner-drivers; that is, negotiating for equipment also.

Walter Biggs, president of South Bend Local 364, stated that he felt that it was very important to include both equipment and drivers in the agreements, and he further said that his local had always done that.

"You cannot effectively force the employers to pay the scale unless both equipment and drivers are bargained for," said Biggs.

President Hess then urged that a state set-up for dealing with contractors be established. He then appointed a committee to study the situation.

The committee to study the state dump truck set-up includes the following: O. B. Chambers, Kokomo Local 759; John Harkness, Terre Haute Local 144; Elmer Nolan, Clinton Local 73; Albert Tyree, Indianapolis Local 716, and George B. Campbell, South Bend Local 364.

It was generally agreed that a state-wide agreement would be a desirable thing. It would not only be of great help to the Locals but would enable the contractors to bid safely on any job. The committee will report its findings at the next meeting.

Tow-Bar Men Receive Pay Hike

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for damages. The clause reads as follows:

"Drivers shall not be charged with any cargo damages except such damages as may be caused by the driver's negligence, and in such cases, a driver must be given notice of such intent to charge within thirty (30) days from the delivery date of the automobiles damaged; further provided that in such cases a driver shall have fifteen (15) days from the date of notice to file written protest against claims for damages. However, if a protest is not filed by the driver within fifteen (15) days from the date of receiving notice, the charge against the driver for negligence shall be final and not subject to any further arbitration. It is further mutually agreed upon that there shall be an absolute maximum of ten (\$10.00) dollars per claim per vehicle or combination of vehicles, and no employer shall charge any driver amount in excess of (\$10.00) dollars per claim regardless of the amount of damage per claim. Drivers must give written assignments before claims are paid."

This clause was included in the contract to end indiscriminate charging of damages to drivers, a practice some of the operators had indulged in. One driver in hailing this clause said: "They (employers) don't share their profits with us, nor do we want them to, so there is no reason to bear their losses. In cases of extreme negligence it is all right to pay for a little of the damages, for disciplinary reasons. However, no driver deliberately wrecks his cars."

The check-off system and closed shop were also included in this agreement.

Six Companies Sign

The companies signing the tract are: F. W. Myers Drive-away System, Dallas and Mavis Forging Company, George Drive-away Company, Bo away, Robert R. Wal away Company ar incorporated.

Walker Sign

Signing of the 1 Walker Drive-away v garded as a signal vict Local 364. Walker has heretofore a bitter union antagonist and has fought organization for over four years. All companies delivering new Studebaker cars are now completely unionized.

U. A. W. Helped

Credit must be given Studebaker Local No. 5 of the Auto Workers for helping Local 364 win its fight. This union backed the strike publicly in South Bend papers, and was a deciding factor in the settlement.

THAT PEGLER PERSON

(Reprinted from the Seattle Post-Intelligencer)

Crotchety old Westbrook Pegler, who is capable of a liver upset that has almost become a medical phenomenon, has had another of his bad days.

In fact, Mr. Pegler, whose writings appear on the page opposite, must look back upon the doggonedest succession of bad days since Job had his boils.

Sometimes we suspect Mr. Pegler, arising in a good humor, drags out one of his pet phobias and beats himself about the head with it for the sheer pleasure of getting back into a bad humor.

To our guests of the American Federation of Labor convention, it might possibly seem more hospitable if the Post-Intelligencer were to withhold Mr. Pegler's vapors while this convention is in session.

To them we point out that Mr. Pegler has more than once been a thorn in our own flesh and we still publish him.

It's all a part of our policy of giving a man his say, even though it hurts.

We believe that's the only way to publish a newspaper and keep it worthy of the faith its readers put in it.

We believe this is more than ever important at this time when democracy is in peril and one of the cornerstones that supports it is the freedom of the press.

And we are certain that the American Federation of Labor, which is in the forefront of this fight for freedom, is quite capable of stomachaching Mr. Pegler in the interests of maintaining one of the most valuable heritages—freedom of expression.

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